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Application Number	10/705,500
Filing Date	November 12, 2003
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Art Unit	2825
Examiner Name	L. Malsawma
Attorney Docket Number	82546

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iii. Other _____

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Appl. No.:

10/705,500

Applicant:

Ya-Lun Cheng

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Title:

**METHOD FOR PREVENTING TO FORM A
SPACER UNDERCUT IN SEG PRE-CLEAN
PROCESS**

TC/A.U.:

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Examiner:

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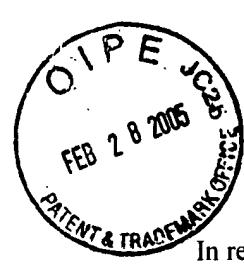
Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this submission under 37 CFR 1.114.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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In re patent application of:

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For: **METHOD FOR PREVENTING TO FORM A SPACER UNDERCUT IN SEG PRE-CLEAN PROCESS**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Two copies of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
- (3) Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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